

GCSE Religious Studies



Students will study the AQA GCSE course in Religious Studies (either full or short course)

This course includes the study of religious attitudes towards matters of life and morality for example drug abuse, elderly and death, animal rights.

This course will suit you if you are interested in:

- Learning more about the major world religions and how they would respond to fundamental questions of life.
- Evaluating ethical issues and expressing your view using reasoned argument.
- Enhancing your capacity to make a positive contribution to debates and decisions in society.

This specification is accessible to candidates of any religious persuasion or none.

What will I learn?

Students will follow two units:

- **Religion and Life Issues** (Planet Earth, Animal Rights, Prejudice, War and Peace)
- **Religion and Morality** (Ethics, Drug Abuse, Crime and Punishment, World Poverty)

How will I be assessed?

To gain a Short Course candidates one of the above units. For a full GCSE candidates take both of them.

Each unit accounts for 100% of the total Short Course marks.

There is a final written paper lasting 1 hour and 30 minutes for each unit

Candidates answer four structured essay questions from the choice of six given.

Each question is worth 18 marks (there are four additional marks for Spelling Punctuation and Grammar)

KS4 LONG TERM PLAN

SUBJECT: Religious Studies

YEAR GROUP: 10/11

UNIT OF WORK	TIMESCALE
Believing in God <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Belief and non-belief in God - Religious upbringing - Religious experiences - Conversion - Prayer 	Yr 10 Autumn 1
Believing in God <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The design argument - The causation argument - Origins of the world - The problem of evil and suffering - Responding to suffering 	Yr 10 Autumn 2
Believing in God <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Topic revision - Entry Level Assessment Matters of Life and Death <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Life after death - non-religious 	Yr 10 Spring 1
Matters of Life and Death <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Life after death - Christian - Life after death - Muslim - Life after death - Buddhist 	Yr 10 Spring 2
Matters of Life and Death <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Abortion - Religious attitudes to abortion - Euthanasia - Religious attitudes to euthanasia 	Yr 10 Summer 1
Matters of Life and Death <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Topic revision - Entry Level Assessment Marriage and the Family	Yr 10 Summer 2

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Changing attitudes to marriage, divorce, family and homosexuality in the UK 	
<p>Marriage and the Family</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Religious teachings about family life - Religious attitudes to marriage and divorce - Religious attitudes to sex outside of marriage - Religious attitudes to contraception 	Yr 11 Autumn 1
<p>Marriage and the Family</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Changing attitudes to homosexuality in the UK - Religious attitudes to homosexuality <p>Marriage and the Family</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Topic revision - Entry Level Assessment 	Yr 11 Autumn 2
<p>Community Cohesion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The UK as a multi-ethnic society - How the government promote community cohesion - How religions promote community cohesion - Why religions should promote racial harmony. 	Yr 11 Spring 1
<p>Community Cohesion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Changing attitudes to gender roles in the UK - Religious attitudes to women - The UK as a multi-faith society - Issues with a multi-faith society 	Yr 11 Spring 2
<p>Community Cohesion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Topic revision - Entry Level Assessment <p>GCSE revision for those students taking the GCSE short course</p>	Yr 11 Summer 1

KEY STAGE 4 – LIFE SKILLS

	WJC RE E2	
Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Religious Marriage	Religious Initiation Rites	Religious Charities